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**Your ref:** 2023/91441

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By email: [dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk)

Dear William

**CHANGE OF USE AND ALTERATIONS TO FORMER CHURCH (B8-STORAGE) TO 9 RESIDENTIAL UNITS (C3) AND FORMATION OF CAR PARK (LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA) – 31 CHAPEL HILL, LINTHWAITE, HUDDERSFIELD, HD7 5NJ**

Thank you for re-consulting us on this application following submission of additional information, which we received on 11 September 2023.

**Environment Agency position**

We have reviewed the Main River Culvert Condition Note prepared by Dudleys Consulting Engineers Ltd referenced 23345 and dated 6 September 2023.

We maintain our objection to this application as it involves building near a culverted main river. As submitted, it is unlikely that we would grant a flood risk activity permit for this application.

**Reason**

The proposed development may adversely affect the construction and stability of the culvert which will compromise its function. The proposal could therefore increase the risk of flooding to surrounding communities, including Linthwaite. We note the justification for not opening the culvert in this location and accept this.

**Overcoming our objection**

Further evidence must be provided to demonstrate that the proposed development will have no impact on the structural stability of the culvert. A CCTV report or similar of the culvert interior should be carried out to prove the culvert integrity is constant for the length of the site. Should this identify any further works needed to the culvert, further structural integrity assessments and calculations must be provided, together with a plan for reconditioning the culvert.

**Planning Advice Service**

Please advise the applicant that if they would like to get further specific advice on how to overcome our objection, they can take advantage of our planning advice service. We can offer services including meetings, telecons and reviews of revised information prior to formal submission. We encourage the applicant to contact us directly to discuss this further.

We currently charge £100 plus VAT per officer per hour. We will provide you with an estimated cost for any further discussions or review of documents. The standard terms for our charged for service are available [here](#).

Should you require any further information or clarification, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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